

REMARKS

The present Amendment cancels claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 and leaves claims 8-23 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 8-23.

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 USC §101 as allegedly being directed to a non-statutory subject matter and claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Schlieben (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0096605 A1). As indicated above, claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 were canceled. Therefore, the above 35 USC §101 and 35 USC §102(e) rejections of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 is rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

It should be noted that the cancellation of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 was not intended nor should it be considered as an agreement on Applicants part that the features recited in claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 are taught or suggested by Schlieben or any of the other references of record. The cancellation of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicants hereby reserve their right to pursue the invention as set forth in claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 in a continuing application.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in the Office Action that claims 8-23 are allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 8-23 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 8-23 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (520.42961X00).

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